

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1270

H. P. 960

House of Representatives, March 5, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Operating Hours of State and Municipal Offices.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 5, c. 4, additional. Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 4, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 4

OPERATING HOURS

§ 51. Operating hours

All state agencies and municipal offices which deal directly in providing a service or commodity to the public must operate at least 4 hours of every week at some time other than between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. These agencies and offices may allow employees 4 hours of time off at some time during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday in order to maintain a 40-hour week.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to have state agencies and town offices, which deal directly with the public or operate to serve the public, operate at least 4 hours per week at a time other than the standard working hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. This will make the state and town services available to the people who may otherwise have to take time off from work

or who may have a hardship placed upon them if they attempted to avail themselves of the services offered during the standard working hours.

State agencies and municipal offices, for the purpose of this legislation include, but not limited to, the following: Motor vehicle registration offices, employment security offices, liquor stores, the State Museum and the offices of town clerks.